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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE REQUEST: UNSCR 1701 CONSULTATIONS,
APRIL 5

Classified By: IO A/S James Warlick, Acting, for reason
1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) This is an action request, see para 2 below.
Department requests that USUN encourage the Secretary General
to include a strong statement verifying non-compliance with
the arms embargo and clarifying the SYG's process on Sheba'a
delineation during his briefing of the UN Security Council on
implementation of UNSC resolution 1701, currently scheduled
on April 5.

¶2. (C) Department requests USUN pursue the following
objectives:

-- Remind the Secretary General of SRSG's Williams'
intention to include a reference in the 1701 briefing to
USG-supplied information on violations of the 1701 arms
embargo, which complements the Israeli intelligence cited in
the 1701 report and provides further verification that arms
smuggling indeed continues.

-- Encourage the Secretary General to refer to the 1701
report recommendation for an assessment mission to determine
whether or not the Lebanese/Syrian border is secure and to
make recommendations regarding what steps should be taken to
better enforce the arms embargo.

-- Encourage him to clarify the language in his report
regarding Sheba'a Farms during his briefing, specifically:

a) The Security Council has authorized the Secretariat to
review relevant material and develop an accurate territorial
definition of the area in dispute -- the Sheba'a Farms area
-- not to revisit the accuracy of the Blue Line determination
in 2000 or to determine the sovereignty of Sheba'a;

b) Proposals on the Lebanese seven-point plan require careful
consideration of the political and security needs of all
parties.

-- Solicit a readout of his trip to the Middle East.
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